

Season 4 Episode 9

The Powers Collective

In a mostly black and grey world, a tall, large, and heavily detailed traditional comic book like Captain Fusion is smashed through a brick wall of a building. A deranged robotic Russ Powers approaches Captain Fusion. Captain Fusion smacks the robot Russ Powers in the head and he uppercuts him. Captain Fusion locks both of his feet on Russ Powers' head and he flips Russ Powers into the ground. Captain Fusion picks up the Russ Powers robot and he rips it apart into circuits. More Russ Powers robots just like this one gang up on Captain Fusion. They beat him up and they inject a serum into him that causes him to blank out and fall on the floor. The Russ Powers robots collect the Captain Fusion. The Russ Powers robots transmit signals that go into a different universe in the Ultraverse where a large cybernetic Russ Powers sits in his dark throne. He said, "Yes. I got another one." Russ looks at a chamber that has several tubes and each of the tubes contains an incarnation of Captain Fusion. Russ Powers said, "I have almost all of them now. I just need one more to have my ultimate weapon ready. No one is ever going to escape my rule after this."

Jason arrives at Suzy's house. Suzy is a tween girl with red hair and dresses in different shades of green. Suzy said, "Jason." She runs for Jason. Suzy said, "My parents went out somewhere again and they asked me which babysitter I wanted. I said, 'Jason' without thinking." Jason said, "That's good. Are we going to play Knights of the Bound again on that SMES I gave you last week?" Suzy said, "I thought we would listen to the new CD from M*SYK. It has their new greatest hit, Why Why Why on it." Jason said, "I hear that enough. They play that crap on the radio all day every day. I smashed more radios this week than ever before because of that dumb song." Suzy said, "It is not a dumb song. It is actually pretty good if you listen to it more." Suzy puts on the CD and the music plays through the house. Suzy said, "This CD is the greatest thing ever." Jason looks dazed and he said, "I wish it were."

Mason and Captain Fusion are in Captain Fusion's lair and they are working on upgrading the computer systems. Mason joins some cords together and he looks at a computer terminal. Mason said, "I think it is all set up and is at optimal nominal status." Captain Fusion said, "Now I will be able to track down villains that somehow find a way to leave this universe and go to a different one." A portal opens in the lair and a heavily armored Russ Powers steps out with several Russ Powers robots. Mason said, "What

the..." Captain Fusion said, "Russ Powers?" The robots fight Mason and Captain Fusion. The robots gang beat Captain Fusion. Mason presses a button on his watch and his head gets smashed by one of the robots. Mason and Captain Fusion are greatly outnumbered. Another portal opens and Ultraverse Keith and Justice Knight jump out of the portal with their swords drawn out. Justice Knight slashes down several of the Russ Powers robots and Keith slashes down more of them. The heavily armored Russ Powers grabs Captain Fusion. Justice Knight and Ultraverse Keith jump for him. The heavily armored Russ Powers pushes Justice Knight and Keith back and he walks through the portal and it instantly closes.

Mason said, "What the hell just happened?" Ultraverse Keith gets up and brushes himself off and he said, "There is another universe where Russ Powers turned himself into a cybernetic collective of humanoid robots that serve as extensions of himself. He sent these extensions of himself all over the Ultraverse to hunt down all the Captain Fusions he knows about. He needs them to power his ultimate weapon that he plans on using to rule the Ultraverse." Mason said, "What is this weapon?" Keith said, "It supposedly is a giant plasma cannon that can completely decimate any target of any size from any distance. He is going to use this to enforce his strict draconian rule." Justice Knight said, "We have been investigating this plot for some time now. We wanted more involvement from the Ultraverse Monks, but Grand Master Augi doesn't think it is worth the monks' time and effort. He only sent Keith for this mission."

Mason looks at the new computer system he installed in Captain Fusion's lair. Mason said, "This new computer terminal can track any kind of activity that involves transportation from this universe to anywhere in the Ultraverse. It is displaying activity from the portal created by Russ Powers." Justice Knight said, "Perfect. We know where he went now. Now we need to assemble a team. You saw how powerful these things were. We need the Fusion League and anyone else you know that can help us."

Mason jumps in his battle mech and Jason and Suzy are in Mason's lab watching Mason get in his battle mech. Mason said, "You can't bring Suzy along on this mission. She could get killed." Jason said, "I am being paid to protect Suzy at all costs. Either you have her on the mission or you don't bring me on this mission at all. Remember my track record of my wins on these missions?" Mason gets flashbacks of times Jason defeated their villains just from sheer dumb luck. Mason said, "You win. Suzy can come with us."

Jason and Suzy pile in the backseats of Mason's mech and Mason controls his mech. Mason enters a portal along with Ultraverse Keith, Justice Knight, Admiral Lightning, and the Daring Demon and they end up outside of an eerie looking factory.

They approach the main door and it is locked and sealed tight. Justice Knight and Keith use their swords to pry open the door a bit and Mason uses his mech to rip the door open the rest of the way. The heroes run into the factory where they see conveyor belts carrying components for Russ Powers robots. Mason said, "The coordinates seem to point that Russ Powers' portal went here. It is likely that Captain Fusion is here somewhere." Russ Powers robots spot the heroes and they begin battling them. Justice Knight and Keith slash them down while Admiral Lightning throws his diamond gem into some of them. The Daring Demon throws a bunch of random punches. Mason uses his mech and he flies away from the fight and he navigates through the intricate conveyor belts and architecture of the factory. Mason finds a large door and he rips it down and he finds the chamber of tubes that contain the different Captain Fusions. Mason slowly walks up to the tubes. Mason said, "There must be a way to break them free." Jason said, "Smash them." Mason said, "I doubt that will work." Mason tries to touch one of the tubes and a force field becomes visible around them.

The heavily armored Russ Powers jumps down next to Mason. Heavily Armored Russ Powers said, "You are too late. Your precious Captain Fusion is already connected to the ultimate weapon." Russ points to where Jason and Mason's Captain Fusion is resting in a tube. Russ continues, "We just need a test subject."

Heavily armored Russ smacks Mason's mech. Mason tries to throw punches against Russ and Russ blocks all of them. Russ grabs onto Mason's mech and he throws Mason out of the wall and he goes flying back into the main factory section. Mason regains control of his mech and he flies back to where the heavily armored Russ is. Mason extends his fist and he punches it into Russ' armored body. Russ grabs Mason and he swings him around and he ends up smashing most of the conveyor belts. Russ jumps upwards and he grabs onto the back of Mason's mech and he slams it into the floor and it breaks and Jason, Mason, and Suzy roll out of the mech. Mason goes to his watch and he said, "Justice Knight! Keith! Are you..." Armored Russ said, "Your communicators will not work in this place. We have a dampening field installed in this place." The heavily armored Russ Powers grabs Jason, Mason, and Suzy.

All of the heroes (except for Suzy) are placed in a prison section where connectors are connected to their heads and feet leaving them stuck in place. The Russ Powers robots bring Suzy to the main core Russ Powers. The main Russ Powers said, "Ah, Suzy. You seem like a nice little girl. It is a shame you were displaced in a group consisting of the wrong people." Suzy said, "I don't think I was with the wrong people. I like Jason. He is not like other adults." Russ Powers said, "That's because Jason is not a real adult. He is a fucking manchild that is encouraging you to be childish and dumb your whole life. I have dealt with people like that on several occasions in my past. That is not a good way to live." Suzy said, "What are you going to do with Jason

and his friends?" Russ Powers said, "Now that my weapon is completed, I am going to have it tested on live TV that will be broadcasted all over the Ultraverse. The Ultraverse needs to know what I am capable of. I am going to have them brought to the Ultraverse Gladiator Stadium. I rented out the place since it has a rich history of being the ground that great warriors have won on." Suzy said, "Why don't you want me killed with them?" Russ Powers said, "You are a kid. Your mind is malleable. I can have you shaped and crafted into something better."

Russ Powers brings Suzy to an educational section that looks like a kindergarten classroom where there are kids' books sprawled everywhere and they are all about Russ Powers. Russ said, "Now, go and read all these books and then you will take a test on them. You have one hour." Suzy picks up one of the books and she looks disgusted with it. It is a storybook that shows Russ Powers with a sword and slaying a magical dragon that looks like Captain Fusion.

Suzy goes through the book and it contains childish illustrations with text that reads, "The kingdom of Ultraversom was under an evil rule from the dragon known as Fusionex. Fusionex was a mad evil dragon that ruled over the kingdom and would toast people with his fiery breath if they didn't obey his dubious commands." Suzy goes to the next page. It has villagers taking swords, spears, and other odd weapons and taking a stand against Fusionex. The text reads, "One day, the townspeople felt they had enough of Fusionex so they tried to take a stand against him." Suzy turns the page. It has Fusionex burning down a town and civilians are running around on fire. The text reads, "Big mistake. Fusionex used his fire breath to burn down the entire town and have all the villagers fried into a roast." The next page has Russ Powers in shiny armor and a large mighty sword stepping up from the charred debris. The text reads, "A hero was spawned from the ashes of the town's rubble and he would go on a quest to vanquish the evil beast." The next page has Russ Powers walking across a thin wooden bridge walking through a castle where evil skeletons are present. Russ Powers fights off the skeletons with his sword. The text reads, "Russ Powers went through dozens of perilous traps and hazards and he finally arrived at Fusionex's castle where his skeleton guards patrol the venue." The next page has Russ confronting Fusionex and he sends his two right hand men which are evil horned devil-like creatures that have strong resemblances to Jason and Mason. The text reads, "Russ fought bravely against Jaxon and Maxon, Fusionex's trusty devils that serve as his right-hand men." The next page has Russ fighting against them and defeating the Jason and Mason lookalikes. Russ then engages in battle against Fusionex while Fusionex hovers over Russ and breaths fire down on him and he blocks the fire with his sword. The text reads, "Fusionex put up a fierce fight against Russ and only one person would walk out of this battle victorious." The next page has Russ cut the head off Fusionex and Fusionex's eyes are X's. The page after that has the town celebrating Russ Powers as a decorated hero. The text reads, "Russ Powers valiantly defeated Fusionex and he

has restored peace to the town. Russ was given the highest honor the town could give. Russ now rules over the town and he does what he can to prevent another Fusionex from ever returning.” The final page has a body of text that reads, “This story was an adaptation of what is happening right now. There are people in real life just like Fusionex and his devils that are corrupting the minds of young kids everywhere. Don’t fall for this corruption. Russ Powers will save you and protect you.”

Suzy throws down the book in disgust. Suzy looks at other books there and they are all fairy tales that have Russ Powers slapped on them and the villains are Jason, Mason, and Captain Fusion. The main core Russ Powers enters the room and he said, “Suzy. I want you to come with me.” Suzy said, “I don’t think it has been an hour yet.” Russ said, “You are about to witness an important moment in Russ Powers history. This is going to be on the test.” Core Russ Powers and Suzy walk down a hall and Suzy notices a door opens and a Russ Powers robot walks out of it and she looks inside and she sees the master terminal that allows communication between Core Russ Powers and all his robots in his collective. Core Russ Powers brings Suzy to his main throne where a giant TV is showing live footage of the gladiator stadium in the Ultraverse where all the heroes are restrained to a heavy metal cylinder in the center of the stadium. Russ Powers robots surround the heroes. Core Russ said, “Take a seat. This is where the fun will begin.” Suzy anxiously watches the oversized TV.

The heroes are restrained in the gladiator arena and Keith and Justice Knight look at each other. They focus on the location in the factory where they lost their swords. They use their connections with the sword and it goes flying to them. The swords magically fly through the air and they cut up the restraints freeing all the heroes. Suzy is watching this and she said, “How did that happen?” Core Russ said, “I have studied these heroes for years. I knew they could do that.” Suzy said, “Why did you let them do it then?” Core Russ said, “It is more fun this way.” Justice Knight, Keith, Admiral Lightning, and Daring Demon fight off the Russ robots while Jason and Mason look for ways to escape.

Core Russ Powers has his hand on the remote that activates the weapon. The door to the throne opens and Russ Robots pile in. Suzy notices the door is wide open and so is the door to the main terminal. Suzy kicks the remote out of Core Russ’ hand and she grabs it and she runs out the throne door and into the terminal room and the door closes right behind her missing her by a few millimeters.

Suzy looks around the terminal and she sees controls with green lines flowing through them. Suzy said, “There’s gotta be a way to shut him down.” Suzy spots an optical disc drive on the terminal. Suzy opens it up and she throws the disc out of it and

she places her M*SYK CD in the terminal. The song, Why Why Why from the CD is played out of all the Russ' and they all malfunction and fall to the floor. Core Russ is in agonizing pain and he crawls on the floor. He goes to the terminal where he grabs onto Suzy's dress. Core Russ said, "You are not getting away with this you little twat."

The heroes in the gladiator stadium notice that the Russ Robots suddenly stop in place and the song from M*SYK starts playing out of their mouths. Jason said, "It's that song again... It seems to have killed them." Jason pushes down one of the robots. Jason said, "I think we are safe." The large heavily armored Russ Powers enters the stadium. He said, "You are not safe yet. I am going to have to crush all of you by smashing you with my feet. The heavily armored Russ Powers runs around the stadium and he attempts to crush the heroes with his feet. Justice Knight and Keith slash their swords at the heavily armored Russ Powers and their attacks do nothing.

Core Russ gets up and he pins Suzy against the wall. Core Russ said, "I really don't want to do this but you have left me with no choice." Core Russ has his hand turn into a drill and he is about to drill into Suzy's eye. The door to the terminal smashes open and a small army of different incarnations of Captain Fusion barge in. The highly detailed comic book like Captain Fusion from the beginning points at Russ and he said, "Unhand the girl now." Core Russ ignores him and he keeps moving his drill closer and closer to Suzy's eye. The Captain Fusions jump on Russ at the same time and they pin him to the floor. They lift up his head and they smash it into the ground. They combine their strength and they rip Core Russ Powers' head off and they rip out his circuits. One of the Captain Fusions smashes Russ' head into the terminal and the terminal cracks. The Captain Fusions begins smashing down the terminal and it is nothing but scrap metal. Suzy said, "There are heroes in danger." Suzy shows them a screen of what is currently going on in the stadium. One of the Captain Fusion's said, "I know that place. That is the Ultraverse Gladiator Stadium. I have been there before. I have a jet that can get us there fast."

The heroes in the stadium are cornered and they are about to be crushed by the heavily armored Russ Powers. The Fusion Jet fires several rounds of machine guns and some missiles at the heavily armored Russ Powers. The jet aims its turbo thrusters at the body of the heavily armored Russ and the fire from the thrusters heats up Russ' body. The side wing of the jet is used as a blade and it makes a horizontal cut in the center of heavily armored Russ' body. Keith and Justice Knight jump to its body and they jab their swords into the opening and they fall down the body leaving it cut down the middle. Heavily armored Russ falls down and the jet lands on it crushing it. A door on the jet opens and the heroes pile in.

The heroes sit at the back of the jet with all the Captain Fusions and Suzy sits at the front next to the Captain Fusion flying the jet. Jason said, "It looks like M*SYK really is the greatest thing ever. It saved our lives. I gotta have their songs on my mp3 players and my computers and I gotta to carry a copy of the CD with me all the time." Suzy said, "Well, I am glad you like it now. I also didn't know there were this many Captain Fusions. I don't remember any of them from those comics you gave me." The Captain Fusion flying the jet said, "There are many of us across the Ultraverses. You just didn't know about us since we are mostly undiscovered by people from outside universes." The jet flies away and the heavily armored Russ Powers is crushed and partially melted and he watches the jet fly away. He struggles and he gets up and slowly walks away.